

Media Release

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'Seeds of Renewal' gives \$250,000 to 35 community projects across Australia

- Grants support education and employment projects in regional areas -
 - Seeds of Renewal celebrates ten years in regional Australia –
 - More than \$3 million given to 635 programs since its inception –

ANZ and the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) today announced that 35 communities across regional Australia will share \$250,000 as part of the 2012 Seeds of Renewal local grants program.

Now in its tenth year, Seeds of Renewal aims to build thriving regional communities by advancing education and employment opportunities through the provision of local grants.

Tania Motton, ANZ's General Manager, Regional Business Banking said: "ANZ has a long history of supporting people living and working in regional Australia, and through programs like Seeds of Renewal we're helping local communities to implement local solutions.

"We have now provided more than \$3 million in grants to 635 programs since we began the Seeds of Renewal program with the FRRR ten years ago. We're proud of the achievements we've been able to bring about – from helping students with online learning, to helping establish training programs for unemployed youth. Regional communities are seeing real change as a result of this program," Ms Motton said.

Alexandra Gartmann, FRRR's CEO said the funded programs will help build skills and capacity in regional communities, which is essential to developing sustainable economies.

"Rural and regional communities are adept at solving their own challenges, because they know what fits their social framework, culture and capacity.

"It's great to be able to support projects like Huon Valley Ignite and Grow Project, which will provide local business owners with training to enhance their administration skills, and follow it up with one-on-one coaching to help ensure local businesses remain strong and can keep the community vibrant," said Ms Gartmann.

Details of the recipients and their projects are attached to this release, and more information can be found on the FRRR website: www.frrr.org.au/seeds

As part of its 'Banking on Australia program', ANZ also recently committed to providing \$20 million over the next five years to improving the financial literacy levels of vulnerable Australians. In working with its community partners like the Brotherhood of St Laurence, ANZ has helped deliver financial literacy programs to around 200,000 people in 270 communities across Australia.

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About FRRR

The Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR) was established in 2000 to support the renewal of rural and regional communities in Australia through partnerships with the private sector, philanthropy and governments. Its mission is to champion the economic and social strength of Australia's regional, rural and remote communities through partnerships with the private sectors, philanthropy and governments. In its first ten years, FRRR managed the distribution of more than \$30 million in grants and provided substantial capacity building support to community organisations across the nation. To find out more about FRRR, visit www.frrr.org.au.

2012 ANZ Seeds of Renewal Funded Projects

	Applicant	Project	Location
NSW	Ballina Region Community College Incorporated	eCitizens - Digital Literacy for Rural Women <i>Providing nationally accredited training in Business, Information, Digital Media and Technology to young women.</i>	Alstonville
NSW	Murray Valley Industry Park (Regional Development Australia Murray)	Smart Learning <i>Creating a high quality community and business education venue with the installation of a smartboard, projector and speakers.</i>	Deniliquin
NSW	Communities of the Three Brothers (Camden Haven Pastoral Agricultural & Industrial Society Inc.)	Communities of the Three Brothers - Creating a Vibrant Local Economy <i>Promoting the region, e-commerce and the community hub via a website and providing web training for local businesses and community organisations.</i>	Kendall
NSW	Lord Howe Island Community Development Group (The Lord Howe Island Board)	Computer Skills Training and Education Program <i>Developing computer skills and delivering job readiness training, available to all community members.</i>	Lord Howe Island
NSW	Nambucca Heads Men's Shed Inc.	Record and Share <i>Creating educational DVDs with new computer, video camera and other IT equipment.</i>	Nambucca Heads
NSW	New England Conservatorium of Music	Closing the Music Gap Education Program <i>Delivering a pilot music program for 60</i>	Tingha

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	Limited	<i>children at the preschool and primary school, creating local performance and life skills.</i>	
NSW	Stroud Preschool (Stroud Neighbourhood Children's Co-Op Inc.)	Vegetable Garden Construction <i>Establishing a raised vegetable garden, compost bay and worm farm at community based preschool with 40 families.</i>	Stroud
NSW	Trangie Central School P&C (Trangie Central School)	Entertaining the Crowd <i>Building local capacity for performance by the purchase of a portable stage for the school hall.</i>	Trangie
NT	Isolated Children's Parents Association NT State Council - Mataranka Branch	Boomerang Education: Getting it back to the Bush <i>Supporting the ICPA with a guest speaker and professional facilitator at their Annual General Meeting.</i>	Mataranka
QLD	Ambrose Primary P&C Association	e-learning opportunities <i>Enhancing e-learning programs with the purchase of 11 laptops for use in classrooms and by the local playgroup.</i>	Ambrose
QLD	Cooktown and District Youth Association Inc.	"The Block" Community Youth Garden <i>Development of a permaculture garden in a youth park for use in accredited training and the development of a business plan for sustainability.</i>	Cooktown
QLD	Djarragun Enterprises Limited	Pathway 2 Employment <i>Purchase of trade equipment – to ensure the sustainability of a successful training program for Indigenous youth.</i>	Edge Hill
QLD	QLD PCYC Association - Bowen Branch	Greener Futures <i>Revamping a disused nursery to establish an OH&S acceptable space to deliver accredited training to disengaged and special needs youth.</i>	Bowen
QLD	The Balonne Further Education and Training Group (BFETG)	Balonne Skill Centre Information Technology Renewal Project <i>Supporting local adult training and high school classes with the purchase of 15 desktop computers.</i>	St George
QLD	Toogoolawah High P&C Association (THP&CA)	Building an open air classroom for the Agricultural Science Farm <i>To build an open air, all weather class room at the high school to improve learning environments and outcomes.</i>	Toogoolawah
QLD	Winton Neighbourhood Centre Inc.	Fun & Healthy Breakfast Club <i>Helping up to 130 children across two schools to get to school and focus on learning via a school pick up and breakfast program.</i>	Winton
QLD	Woodgate Men's Shed Inc.	Never too Old to Learn <i>To purchase a TV with internet</i>	Woodgate

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		<i>capability to be used for group training sessions and conferencing.</i>	
SA	District Council of Yankalilla	Yankalilla Adult Community Education Program <i>Expanding the community education program with the purchase of an industrial barista machine, 3 laptop computers and software.</i>	Yankalilla
SA	Jamestown Community School	Career, Employment and Further Education <i>Assisting establish a career, further education and employment information area in the senior school.</i>	Jamestown
SA	Maitland and District Progress Association Inc.	Interactive Whiteboard and Projector for Conference Room <i>Purchase of a whiteboard and projector for the community centre to enhance the learning environment.</i>	Maitland
SA	Murray Mallee Gymnastics Inc. (MMGI)	Learning through Movement <i>Supporting 270 children across 5 primary schools to experience gymnastic opportunities and learning programs</i>	Karoonda
WA	Cape to Cape Catchments Group	Our Patch <i>120 year three and year six students from four primary schools in the Margaret River area will participate in an interactive natural environment program for one year.</i>	Margaret River
WA	Dalwallinu District High School P&C Association Inc.	Awesome Autism Outcomes <i>Providing appropriate development training and leading edge technology via iPads and iPad applications, for use by autistic children.</i>	Dalwallinu
WA	The David Wirrpanda Foundation	Deadly Sista Girlz Broome <i>Enabling 75 Indigenous girls aged 12 to 17 collective access to IT.</i>	Broome
WA	Central Kimberly Chamber of Commerce	Central Kimberly Chamber of Commerce website <i>A website that will enable professional development of local businesses and promote local e-commerce and networking.</i>	Halls Creek
VIC	Gannawarra U3A Inc.	Update IT Equipment and Meeting Room Furniture <i>Purchase of new equipment and resources for U3A life-long learning opportunities.</i>	Cohuna
VIC	Goroke P12 College	Provision of Hospitality Certificate Course and Auto Certificate Course <i>Purchase of specialist equipment to use in teaching Hospitality and Automotive Repair to students and the broader community.</i>	Goroke
VIC	Kerang Technical High School	Kerang and Cohuna Flexible Learning Options Program <i>At risk youth from two schools will</i>	Kerang

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		<i>attend Driver Education to learn safe driving skills in theory and practice.</i>	
VIC	Lifeline Gippsland Inc.	Bay 3 Café and Nursery <i>Purchase of a rainwater tank and installation of sink, watering and drainage system in a nursery providing work experience and training.</i>	Morwell
VIC	Robinvale Network House Inc.	Crucial personal money management <i>Providing financial literacy training including basic computer skills for 80 low income residents and migrant workers.</i>	Robinvale
VIC	Wycheproof Community Resource Centre	Employment skills for returning to or entering the workforce <i>Enabling the Centre to deliver a pilot job ready and life skills program.</i>	Wycheproof
TAS	Cradle Coast Mountain Bike Club Inc.	Rehabilitation and Weed Eradication and Management Penguin Speedway Site <i>A social enterprise specialising in training and employment programs will employ 10 long term unemployed youth for eight weeks to develop a mountain bike trail.</i>	Penguin
TAS	Derwent Valley Community House Inc.	Getting Grease on your Hands <i>42 youths will receive basic training and mentoring in automotive repair skills at the Community Shed.</i>	New Norfolk
TAS	Kingborough Community Enterprise Centre Inc. - Huon Valley Office	Huon Valley Ignite and Grow Project <i>Professional development and mentoring for 50 small businesses owners.</i>	Huonville-South of Kingston
TAS	Rural Health Tasmania Inc.	Establishment of Homework Centre <i>Purchase of IT equipment, tables and chairs to establish a homework centre servicing 30 students with low socioeconomic backgrounds.</i>	Smithton